## ABSTRACT

A SYSTEM FOR ASSISTING REGENERATION OF A STORAGE/RELEASE  $\textsc{NO}_{\textsc{x}}$  TRAP FOR VEHICLE DIESEL ENGINES

This system for assisting regeneration of a storage/release  $NO_x$  trap integrated into an exhaust system (5) of a motor vehicle diesel engine (4) is characterized in that it includes means (11) for injecting fuel into the cylinders of the engine (4) in the form of pilot injections and main injections and means (12) for controlling the injection means (11) to switch the engine (4) periodically from a standard mode of operation using a lean mixture and pilot injection and main injection, in which  $NO_x$  are stored in the trap (6), to a regeneration mode of operation using a rich mixture, with at least two pilot or main injections depending on the engine load, in which  $NO_x$  are released from the trap (6) and the trap is regenerated.

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